IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

YVES MALECOT ET AL

U.S. Serial No. 09/744,946

Filed: February 8, 2001

Group Art Unit 1723

M. Ocampo, Examiner

FILTERING ELEMENT MADE OF ABSORBENT PAPER MATERIAL IN THE FORM OF A TUBULAR CYLINDER

Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment / a response in the above-identified application.

No additional fee is required.

An additional fee is required as calculated below -

	Claims Remaining After	Highest Previou	sly Prese	<u>Small</u> nt	Entity Add'l		Than A Entity Add'l
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- * The "Highest Number Previously Paid For" (Total or Independent) is the highest number of claims filed originally or highest number found from equivalent box of a prior amendment.
- This response is being filed within the period for response.
- X Applicant(s) hereby petition for an extension from the date of the Examiner's Action as follows:

	First-Month Extension	\$	55.00 /	,	Ś	110.00
X	Second-Month Extension	Ś	200.00	,	Ś	400.00
	Third-Month Extension	\$	460.00 /	,	\$	920.00

Small entity status of this application has been established.

A Check in the amount of \$ 400.00 is attached hereto. Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-3690 of the undersigned attorney. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: September 3, 2002

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AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

In response to the official action mailed April 2, 2, 2002, please amend the above identified application as 1 0 follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

On page 5, at lines 9-14, rewrite the paragraph thereat as follows:



"The case 12 includes an intake 22 radially issuing into the side wall 16 so that a fluid may enter the inside of the case 12. The lower lid 18 is fitted at its center with an axially pointing orifice 24 constituting an outlet for the fluid after it has been filtered so that it can leave the case 12."